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Applicant:

Wilhelm Cramer et al.

Title:

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [X] Reply and Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.111 (6 pages).
- [X] Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR § 1.56 (3 pages)
- [X] Form PTO/SB/08 (2 pages) with 55 listed References.
- [X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	9	-	20	=	0	х	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent Claims:	1	-	1	=	0	x	\$86.00	=	\$0.00
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TOTAL FEE:

\$0.00

[	]	Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1 total number of months checked below:	.136(a) for the
[	]	Extension for response filed within the first month: \$110.0	\$0.00
[	]	Extension for response filed within the second month: \$420.0	\$0.00
[	]	Extension for response filed within the third month: \$950.0	\$0.00
[	]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month: \$1,480.0	\$0.00
[	]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month: \$2,010.0	\$0.00
		EXTENSION FEE TOTAL	L: \$0.00
[	]	Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d): \$110.0	\$0.00
		CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL	L: \$0.00
[	]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above	\$0.00

- [X] Check number 14437 in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the supplemental information disclosure fee is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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